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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Barth, et al.**

Application No.: 09/607,256

Filed: June 30, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
A SCHEDULING DRIVER TO  
IMPLEMENT A PROTOCOL  
UTILIZING TIME ESTIMATES FOR  
USE WITH A DEVICE THAT DOES  
NOT GENERATE INTERRUPTS

Examiner: Casiano, Angel L.

Art Group: 2182

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed January 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A process context is the software environment in which a piece of code runs. The process context consists of the mapping between memory addresses in the code and physical memory locations (the address space), the contents of CPU registers, and the execution stack (memory used for temporary storage). When a piece of code is interrupted to allow a CPU 110



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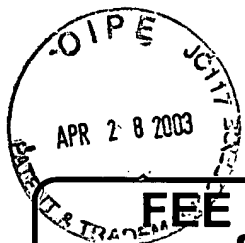
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### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

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1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims 39 - 42\* = 0 X 18.00 = \$0.00  
Independent Claims 3 - 3\* = 0 X 84.00 = \$0.00  
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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1404	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	1809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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